THE DAILY INDEPENDENT.

VOL. 4. NO. 232 MONESSEN, PA., SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1906. SIX CENTS THE WEEK

MONESSEN OPERA HOUSE.

Great Scenic and Electrical Effects **THE FATAL WEDDINNG** By Theo. Kremer

Introducing GUSSIE SHIRES, The Clever Child Actress, also

THE FAMOUS SINGING N. Y. CHOIR BOY "MASTER JAMES FOX"

WED. APRIL 4

ACCIDENTS IN TIN MILL.

James Beamer Chief of the Fire Department Has Foot Crushed. Two Others Hurt.

This morning about 5 o'clock James Beamer, chief of the fire department, who is employed as shearman at the Tin Mill, met with an accident resulting in his right foot being badly crushed and making in all the third accident for the ight.

Mr Beamer was engaged at the hears as usual, when without warning, 0 packs which had been piled on a ruck near by, fell off catching his foot nd badly crushing two of his toes and reaking one. He was removed to his ome where his injuries were dressed, lthoug no serious results are expected Mr. Beamer will be laid up for some ime

Two other men whose names it was mpossible to learn were also injured, ne a foreigner employed at the bar hears sustained a broken leg, and the ther an American who was employed n the hot mill had his foot badly cut. Both were take care of by the mill physician and were later removed to their omes

THEY TOOK TWENTY-FIVE.

hieves Entered the Coop of D. H. Brown and Rung the Necks of 25 of his Choice Hens.

Last night thieves broke into the hennery of David Brown the section foreman who lives at the lower end of town ear the brewery, and after ringing the ecks of twenty five of the hens, made ten escape with their booty, without [illegible] an alarm. As soon as the theft as discovered Mr. Brown notified the olice and having been provided with a lue and search warrants. Chief of olice Woolsey and Officer Kepple tarted this morning to round up the ulprits, but failed to locate the guilty arties A close watch will be kept, owever, as occurrences of this nature re rapidly growing more frequent in hat locality and arrests are expected o be made soon.

Church Notes.

United Presbyterian—11 a. m. "The en Virgins", 7 30 p. m., "The Golden ule

Bethany Baptist church, opera house hl—morning topic, "A Priceless Legy", evening topic "The Gospel's Atactions". Bible school hour is changed om 10 a m to 9 45 a m Evening serce at 7 45

Services at the Christian church will be eld as follows: 11 a. m. "The Adult in e Sunday School", 7.30 p. m "Build g for Eternity". The parents of the ildren in our Sunday school are corally invited to visit our school tomor w. The school opens as 9:45.

Gave Birthday Party.

Miss Rea Seanor, in honor of her ninth rthday, entertained a number of her ung girl friends at the Fifth Avenue otel last evening, about ten guests near r own age being present. Rea was presented with a handsome diamond ring by r father and was the recipient of many etty presents from her young friends. e evening was pleasantly spent in appropriate games. An elegant luncheon s served later, after which good ghts were said and the little girls reed to their respective homes, feeling ry grateful to their little hostess for most enjoyable evening.

In yesterdays issue we stated that B F. eston had presented a petition to counasking for a 10 year contract to dispose the garbage in which we made a mistake as it was Theodora Weston instead B. F.

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

E. M. Moyer was in Pittsburg yesterday on business.

A fine assortment of cigars at Daniel's Drug Store.

Chas Rose visited his parents in Pittsburg yesterday.

Our stationery will please you—Daniel's Drug Store.

H. J. Bearer was in the Smoky City yesterday on business.

How Is Your Blood?—Time to take Fon-ol—Kirk's Drug Store.

Ed. Pittman, salesman at Rishebergers, is slightly indisposed.

Prescriptions receive prompt and careful attention at Daniel's Drug Store.

C. H. Dills attended the Grand Opera Matinee at the Nixon today.

Everybody Works with good blood in their veins after taking Fon-ol—Kirk's Drug Store.

Wm. Conroy was visiting friends in Brownsville Thursday night.

Dr. Barben, Dentist — Teeth extracted by air or gas and full set of teeth $10 00

Yesterdays rains materially assisted the white wings in cleaning up the streets.

Change of program at The Star Theatre tonight and tomorrow particulary good attractions.

Geo. Stevens, who was hurt in the recent runaway, is able to be out again.

Easy to Keep Clean—Hygeia Nursing outfit—the 20th century nursing bottle at Kirk's Drug Store

James M Hamilton, Glass Manufacturer of Charleroi, was visiting in town yesterday

Best paints, varnishes, glass and hardware at the People's Lumber Co.

Dr. Cramer is able to be out again after having been confined to his home with the La Grippe

High grade material, delivered promptly by the People's Lumber Co.

Mrs Mazie Connelly and Miss Nora Gillingham, of Lock No 4 visited friends in town last evening.

Hot Spring's Blood Remedy makes you eat right, feel right and act right—LIGHT sells it.

Mr and Mrs Albert Wise attended a dance given by the K of P's in McKeesport Thursday evening.

"War of Children," "The Horse Thief" and the illustrated song "When The Roses Bloom Again", at The Star Theatre Don't miss it

B Iskovitz returned yesterday from McKeesport where he has been transacting business for the past few days.

Life like portraits painted in oil, any size, durable and cheap. A Davenport, 301 Sixth street.

Mr and Mrs. A. L. Arner and Mr. and Mrs E C Satley attended the Grand Opera at the Nixon this afternoon.

Perfumes—Delicate, but lasting. You can get Wright's Palmer's or Colgate's at LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

Miss Eleonor Reed, of Renoldsville, returned home yesterday after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Beck for a few days.

Thos. Jackson, the veteran rivermen, of Lock No 4, reported a rise of 2 inches an hour on the river yesterday the result of the recent rains.

Baby's Friend—We're a good friend to the little fellow—we keep everything he needs—LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

O C Baker, J. M. McGavitt and M. Shrader, of this place, were in Braddock last evening visiting the Commandery Knights of Malta of that place who put on the Red Cross degree.

Mr. Geo. James, of the Steel Hoop Mill today visited his daughter Mrs Sarah Webb who is at the Homeopathic Hospital Pittsburg suffering with Typhoid Fever and found her no better.

SAME NUMBER OF SALOONS.

All Old Applicants Granted, Including Two Transfers.---New Applicants, Five in Number, Refused

Monessen will have the same number of saloons this year as last, and with the exception of two transfers, will have the same proprietors. This was the decision handed down in Greensburg this morning in a nut shell. In refusing the new applicants, five in number, the court stated that sufficient evidence had not been furnished to show cause why saloons were needed at the points or which the applications called.

All of the old licenses were renewed. In two instances, however, those of the Grand and Merchants Hotels, new proprietors will have charge, these hostelries having been sold, pending a transfer of license

The applicants from McMahon Boro were also refused, as were the new applicants from Wireton.

WEBSTER NOTES.

Mike McIntire, of Waynesburg, is in town visiting friends.

Mrs. Geo. Moore, of Charleroi, was calling on relatives in town today

Miss Ada McGill, of Monongahela, spent Thursday in town on business.

The weather yesterday afternoon certainly reminded us that "its spring"

Mrs H R. Smith, who has been ill for some time, is at present in a much improved condition

Harry C Ewing representing a Pittsburg wholesale house was a business visitor in town today

Many property lease this year are being made for thirteen months and moving day will come on May 1st instead of April 1st, hereafter

Rob't. McMahan was in Pittsburg this week purchasing stock for his new store which he intends making first class in every particular

The computing Scale Co., of Dayton Ohio, were in town this week and placed their most up-to-date pattern in the store of R. L. McMahan for a week's trial

Night prowlers are said to be getting plentiful in some parts of town and a strict watch should be kept lest some of the recent robberies are repeated.

Now that the time for the close of school is drawing near Talk of an appropriate program for the last day is being circulated By all means thats what we shou'd have.

Work on the foundation of the new residence of Snyder, the station agent, is progressing rapidly and the frame work will be started soon. Monessen contractors are doing the work

It will be decided today whether or not W T Robbins will be permitted to operate his mines at the 1903 scale In case the miners decide to stand by the Ryan resolution it means trouble in this district too

Blain Hunter Assistant Cashier, of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of West Newton, has been elected to fill the vacancy of H R Smith in the local institution and arrived in town today. He will immediately assume his new responsibilities. Mr. Smith goes to Donora Monday.

Entertainment at High School.

An entertainment for the benefit of the piano fund was given in the High School building yesterday at 4 30 after school had been dismissed. McCormick the celebrated whistler and ventriloquist together with his trained dog Bronte delighted both the children and grown-ups The fund was gratifyingly increased by the performance.

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Monessen theatre goers were treated to one of the finest minstrel shows last evening that ever visited this town, and without a single exception those constituting the large audience pronounced it first class in every particular.

A magnificent first part in which every man taking part was an artist in his line backed by a high class orchestra particularly excellent olio features and an exceptionally funny climax combined to constitute a performance of unusual merit. Tommy Donnelly, comedian and Harry Shunk, interlocutor and comedian were great favorites and were ably supported by the entire company.

The Toscano Bros. in their remarkable juggling act, and the Toledo troupe with their feats of contortion particularly pleased the audience Should the company ever reappear here it will be greeted by an even larger audience than last night, judging by the way all speak of last night performance.

FOR SALE.

Cottage of five rooms and reception hall, pantry, cellar terraced lawn, fair lot 40x140 feet on Schoonmaker avenue. Price $2600 00

Fine center hall, solid brick house, nine rooms and bath cemented cellar, laundry in basement, front and rear porches, hard wood finished floors, this is natural finish throughout, the best that money will buy. Price with two full lots 6000 00 Will sell with one lot at $1100 00 less than price quoted. This is a decided bargain for some one looking for a nice home.

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Brick veneered slate roof cottage, six rooms, hall and bath, nice lawn and garden, property in elegant condition, and in a nice location, cheap at . .. 3100 00

See E. JEFFRIES.

Stanley's Family Dinner.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1906

12 M. to 1 30 P M

Soup

Cream Celery Chicken with Vermicelli

Relishes

Cream Slaw Sweet Pickles

Entrees

Italian Custard Wine Sauce

Calves Liver Cream Dressing

Roast

Prime Roast Beef Au jus

Chicken Oyster Dressing

Vegetables.

Mashed Potatoes Carrots in Cream

Escalloped Tomatoes Stewed Corn

Desert

Apple, Raisin, Mince, Apricot, Pumpkin

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Bargains in dishes.
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BITS FROM THE WRITERS.

Progress isn't a passing fancy; it's the life principle.—Elizabeth Robins.

When we work because we love work, then the work is well done.—Marie Corelli.

There can be no journey more pleasant than that which carries us a stage upon the road to our ambitions.—Max Pemberton.

You mustn't mind what other people do. If their souls were your soul it would be different. You stand and fall by your own work.—Rudyard Kipling.

It is a curious contradiction that happiness is the one thing people really want and that it is the one thing nearly everybody misses.—Gertrude Atherton.

The kind of honesty that won't actually steal 's a kind of fool honesty that's common enough, but the kind that keeps a feller's mouth shut when he hadn't ought to talk 's about the scurcest thing goin'.—E. N. Westcott.

Parental Parsimony.

Everything is by comparison. Said a woman recently of a young married couple whose families are counted "immensely rich:" "They really cannot live on their income; it is shocking to pinch as they must. Why, you know, his father only gives him $10,000 a year. He has a salary of $5,000, and she has an allowance from her family of $10,000—only $25,000, with a $100,000 house to keep up. It's outrageous, with all the money there is in those two families!" Twenty-five thousand dollars income and a completely furnished house and yet counted paupers by the world in which they move! Better change the orbit and come into one of common sense.—Boston Herald.

A Railway Mixup.

Among those who have been complaining of the slow railways in Italy is a commercial traveler, who recently determined that the Milan express should end his life. Two minutes before the train was due at a certain station he laid himself stoically across the rails. After vainly awaiting the train's approach for fifty minutes the gentleman was compelled to relinquish the project. He threatened to sue the directorate for inconvenience caused him, in which case, it is said, the railway authorities will put in a counterclaim for services rendered.

One Comfort Left.

The retired merchant was looking over his old ledgers.

"What satisfaction does that afford you?" asked the caller.

"A heap," he answered. "When somebody calls me an old skinflint and a miser it does me good to look at the unpaid accounts of my forty years in business and reflect that I've given away in my time, without counting interest, $27,491.36."—Chicago Tribune.

The Art of Forgetting.

I have heard men and women say, "I could be happy now if I could only forget the past." Be kind to yourself and "forget it." Do not try to do so in a labored, strenuous way, but gently suggest to yourself a dozen times a day if necessary that you are happy in the "eternal now" and not burdened down with disagreeable thoughts of the past. In learning the "art of forgetting" you will form the wholesome habit of remembering things worth knowing and thereby bring harmony, peace and contentment into your life.—M. J. Lorimer in Suggestion.

Followed Instructions.

A lady going from home for the day locked everything up carefully and for the grocer's benefit left a card on the back door.

"All out. Don't leave anything," it read.

On her return she found her house ransacked and all her choicest possessions gone. To the card on the door was added, "Thanks. We haven't left much."

Had to Creep.

"Why do you say 'A blush crept over the face of the fair plaintiff?'" asks the editor.

"Because," explains the society editor, "there was so much powder on her face the blush had to creep or else it would raise too much dust!"

A Good Rule.

When thou wishest to give thyself delight think of the excellencies of those who live with thee. For instance, the energy of one, the modesty of another, the liberal kindness of a third.—Marcus Aurelius.

A Ruler.

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For Brownsville and intermediate stations 6:30, 8:01, 9:58, a. m., 12:36, 2:52, 5:07, 8:58, p. m., f11:15 night week-days. Sundays 8:16, 11:25 a. m., 3:02, 6:51, 11:40 p. m.

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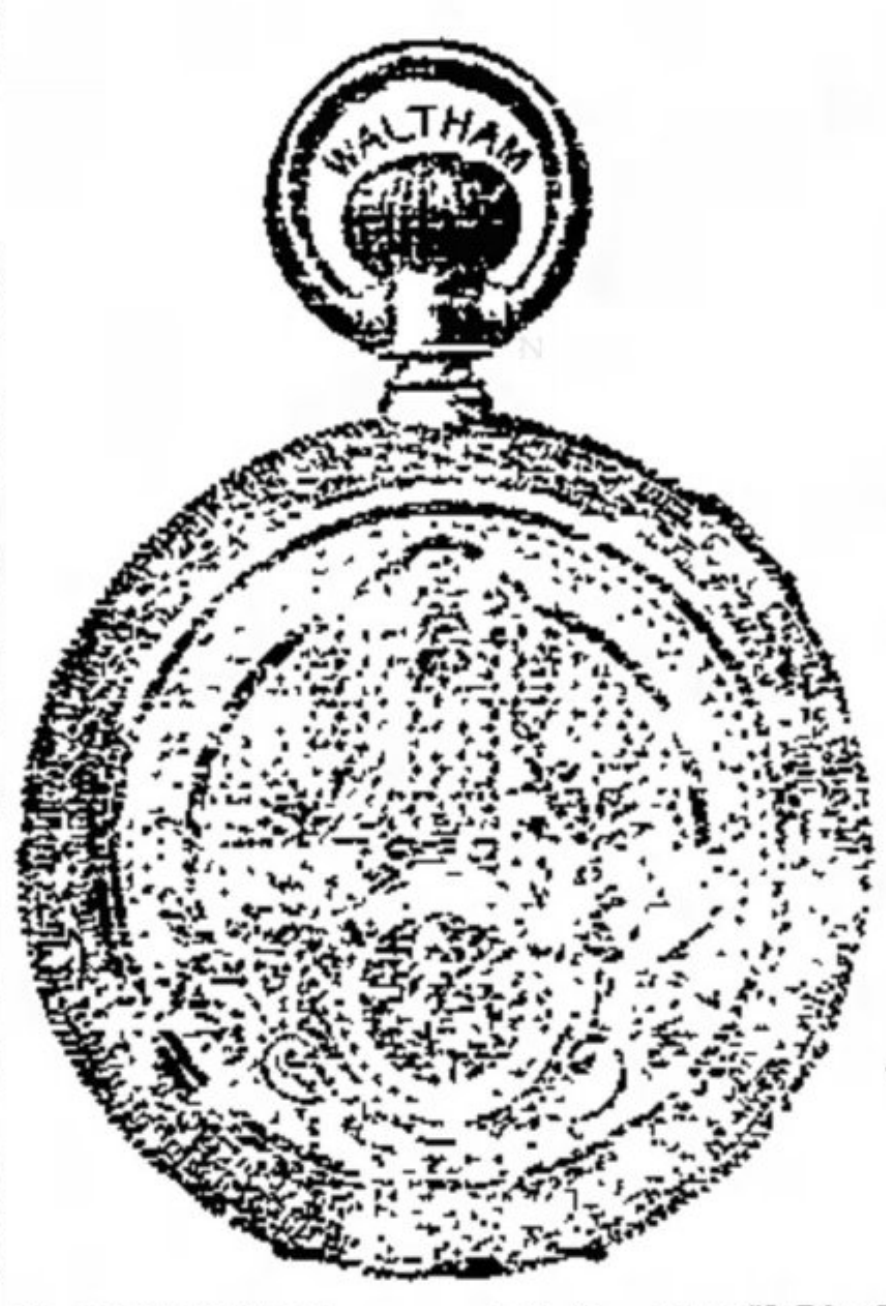

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Astute Mr. Phillips

By C. B. LEWIS

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There was no room to doubt that Mr. James Phillips was astute. He had been told so by his employer, by his fellow clerks in the bank and by two or three detectives with whom he had come in contact. In fact, he had rooms in the same house with a detective, and they were on such intimate terms that the sleuth let him in on some of his cases and on several occasions had said to him:

"Phillips, you would have made a great detective. You have the natural astuteness of a Vidocq."

There were times when the bank clerk really thought of resigning his position and taking up detective work as a profession. He had almost made up his mind in earnest when a brilliant thought came to him.

He was a young man of twenty-six, earning a salary of $20 per week. Until further promotion should come he could not hope for any increase. The place he aspired to was years away, and there was no way of adding to his income and getting married and living as he wanted to live.

The brilliant thought that flashed upon him one evening was to turn his astuteness into criminal channels and reap the profits. He did not intend murder nor highway robbery nor burglary, but simply to beat the public in some easy way. As he was a good penman, and as he was well acquainted with the ways of banks, it was natural that he should decide on forgery as his line.

The astute Mr. Phillips did not rush into the new business in a day or a month; it was a whole year before he was ready to move. He first called up all the cases of forgery that he had heard of in connection with banks and went over them one by one in the most methodical manner. Some had succeeded, and he satisfied himself as to why others had sent men to prison. Then he borrowed the detective's scrapbook and purchased the published reminiscences of two or three others and read every line connected with forgery. His deductions when he had finished were that nineteen out of every twenty men arrested for the crime were burglars. They had been careless; they had left loopholes; they had neglected the most ordinary precautions. In some cases they had lacked nerve—a thing he knew he possessed to a wonderful degree; in others they had taken alarm when there was not the slightest cause for it. Forgery, he decided after studying every phase of it for a year, was the very safest game in the catalogue.

When Mr Phillips had fully and firmly made up his mind to enter into "business" he jotted down the following points in his favor: He had always borne a good reputation; he was connected with a responsible house; he could imitate any man's chirography; he knew scores of men who banked at institutions outside his own; he was an adept at disguising face and voice; he was a comrade of a detective who would keep him informed of what was going on, and his friendship with the officer would serve to lull all suspicion It was plain sailing to success.

It is said that there are plenty of men who would beat a bank out of a thousand dollars and yet hesitate to take ten from any other source. Persons of wealth will beat the customs because Uncle Sam is considered fair game. The criminal who gets ahead of a bank or other corporation does not feel that he has broken the law as if he had robbed a private house Mr. Phillips intended to pay all his attention to banks and none of it to private individuals. Had any one suggested that he beat a corner grocer out of $50 by some gum game he would have been highly indignant.

The detective had told the bank clerk that more criminals came to grief through confederates than in any other way There is honor among thieves only up to a certain point They stand ready to sell each other out at any hour when it seems that they can personally benefit by it.

Mr. Phillips' natural astuteness warned him to go it alone and trust to no man, and therefore when he got ready to put his programme in motion no living man shared his secret. There had been certain preparations to make. He was allowed an hour for lunch. He had been in the habit of going to a certain place patronized by other bank clerks. He purposely raised a row with the proprietor that he might have some excuse for going elsewhere. He would need to be disguised, and he had to rent a room in a convenient location to make the changes There must be a safe place for his money, and he found it by renting a second room half a mile from the other. To both landlords and to account for his brief stops he claimed to be a detective.

Mr Phillips was in no hurry, and he did not propose to leave any loose ends He went over his plans time after time and finally satisfied himself that they were without a flaw. He had provided for every contingency likely to arise, and it only remained to rake in the plunder. After going over his list of "availables" he finally selected a business house which had formerly banked with his people. Their signature was at his disposal, and he knew the size of their account at the new bank. He could get $5,000 from them easily, and the chances were that the crime would remain undiscovered for at least a fortnight.

One day the astute bank clerk was quite ready to start out. He was not a bit flurried or excited. He left his desk at the usual moment, donned his coat and hat in the usual way and passed out upon the street to seek his lodgings and disguise himself. He did not overdo this. He simply donned a false wig and mustache, slipped on a hat and coat unlike his usual garments and then sauntered carelessly along into the Fourth National bank.

The substitute teller was at the pay window, as he had figured he would be after 12 o'clock. This man did not know him. There were three or four persons with checks to be cashed, and Phillips took his place in line. He had a forged check for $5,630 in his hand, and he was certain that it would be paid without question. The merchants would have sworn that the signature was their own. The check was passed in, glanced at, and the teller swiftly counted out the money. He was about to pass it through the window, and Mr. Phillips was feeling a sort of contempt for his easy ways when he paused, laid down the bills and took another look at the check on file. There were ten seconds of puzzled hesitation, and then he said:

"There is a bit of irregularity here. This check is dated for tomorrow. See?"

The astute Mr. Phillips saw. For a year he had been slowly and carefully preparing for this day. For a year he had been telling himself that there could be no failure. He had written out the check with the utmost care and had scanned it over and over again, and yet he had dated it a day ahead and made a most egregrious blunder! The thing came upon him with sledge hammer force, and in spite of his assurance he exhibited some confusion. This might have passed with the teller as a natural result had not a man with a check to be cashed exhibited undue curiosity and had not Mr. Phillips' comrade detective come strolling in. He was known to the officers of the bank and at once became interested in the incident.

"It was an oversight that I will have corrected in twenty minutes," remarked Mr. Phillips as he took the check and started out. But the detective would not have it that way, and five minutes later he had penetrated the disguise of his friend. Perhaps their friendship might have stood the strain or an explanation been possible, but the teller would not have it so. An attempt had been made to "do" and ruin him, and he proposed to see it through. The result came two months later, when the careful and deliberate and painstaking as well as extraordinarily astute Mr. Phillips was sentenced to state prison for seven years.

"Sorry for you, my boy—very sorry," said the detective as he left him at the prison, "but you see there is a difference Astuteness in business brings a sure reward, but astuteness in crime leads most of 'em here."

A Terrible Scene.

Strohschneider, the famous aeronaut, astonished the natives of Stockerau, near Vienna, by carrying a young barrister on his back along a tight rope eighty meters in length fixed to the church steeple A few days later flaming posters appeared on the walls announcing that Strohschneider would effect a balloon ascent in the company of Herr Pramper, the popular landlord of the White Rose.

Notwithstanding the fact that the police had forbidden the landlord, who has a large family, from taking part in the performance mine host entered the inclosure at the appointed time, to the no small delight of the assembled multitude. At a given signal the balloon rose in the air, Strohschneider and the landlord sitting on the trapeze beneath. Some of the spectators declare that the latter turned as pale as a sheet during his upward flight, though he did not fail to wave his hat to the crowd. After reaching a dizzy height the two balloonists were observed to quarrel and actually came to blows. All at once the landlord plunged headlong into space. A shout of horror arose from the spectators, who ran to the spot where they expected to find Pramper lying with broken limbs. What was their astonishment at discovering not a corpse, but a lay figure dressed in one of the landlord's suits. The manikin was conveyed to Stockerau in triumph

The British Anthem.

The whirligig of time has brought changes of its own into the British national anthem. In 1745 it began:

God save great George, our king!

The king's name was again inserted in that second verse, which has been used as an argument to prove that the words were written by Ben Jonson as early as 1607 to celebrate King James I.'s escape from the gunpowder plot:

> Confound their politics,
> Frustrate their knavish tricks;
> On George our hopes we fix—
> God save the king!

The change to the present form is:

On thee our hopes we fix,

where deity has been substituted for majesty There is another rendering, which the exigencies of the times no longer demand:

> Oh, grant that Marshal Wade
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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The Board of Directors of the School District of the Borough of Monessen, Westmoreland, County, Pennsylvania, on the 27th day of March, 1906, in regular meeting assembled, adopted a Resolution whereby said Directors signified their desire to increase the indebtedness of said School District to the amount of fifty thousand, two hundred and eleven dollars and forty-five cents, ($50,211,45), for the purpose of erecting, completing and furnishing a building for school purposes; that it was further directed by said resolution that the question of the proposed increase of indebtedness be submitted to the electors of said School District at a special election to be held in said Borough of Monessen at the time and places mentioned in the notice of said election.

Whereas, by virtue of the powers conferred by an Act of the Assembly entitled: "An Act to regulate the manner of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities, and to provide for the redemption of same, and to impose penalties for the illegal increase thereof," approved the 20th day of April, 1874, and the supplements thereto:

Notice is hereby given, that the proposal to increase the indebtedness of the School District of the Borough of Monessen to the amount of fifty thousand, two hundred and eleven dollars and forty-five cents, ($50,211.45), will be submitted to the electors of said School District at a special election to be held on Tuesday, the 1st day of May, 1906, at the regular voting places provided for the holding of municipal elections by said School District in said Borough of Monessen, between the hours of 7 o'clock a. m. and 7 o'clock, p. m., in accord to the laws governing said elections: That tickets, either printed or written, will be received from the qualified electors of said School District: said ticket shall be labeled on the outside as follows: "Increase the Debt", and on the inside shall contain the following words, to wit: "No Increase of Debt". or the words, "Debt may be increased", and said ballot shall also contain a brief statement of the purpose and also the amount of said proposed increase.

Sworn statement of the indebtedness of said School District and the purpose for which the increase of such indebtedness is intended.

1st. The actual indebtedness of the School District of the Borough of Monessen, including the bonded and unsecured indebtedness, is ninety eight thousand and five hundred dollars ($98,500.00).

2nd. The amount of the last preceeding assessed valuation of the taxable property in said School district of the Borough of Monessen as certified by the commissioners of said county, is two million, seven hundred and eighty-nine thousand, five hundred and twenty-five dollars, ($2,789,525.00).

3rd. The amount of the proposed increase of indebtedness is fifty thousand, two hundred and eleven dollars and forty five cents ($50,211.45); said proposed increase of indebtedness is one and eighth tenths percentum (.018) of the last preceeding assessed valuation.

4th. The purpose of said increase of indebtedness is to defray the expense incident to the erection, completion and furnishing a building for school purposes to be erected in the Third Ward of the Borough of Monessen, also to pay such floating indebtedness as may exist.

5th. The proposed increase of indebtedness shall be evidenced by bonds in the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000); said bonds to be in the denomination of one thousand dollars, ($1,000.00); each bearing interest at the rate of four and one half per centum, (04½) per annum, payable at par within thirty (30) years from the first day of - - - 1906, and the balance of said proposed increase of indebtedness, to wit: two hundred and eleven dollars and forty-five cents, ($211.45) to be expended within the purpose of the increase as necessity may require.

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Before me, Herman C. Gatter, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally appeared F. D. Bumbaugh, President of the Board of School Directors of the School District of the Borough of Monessen and N. B. Grove, Secretary of said Board of School Directors, who being duly sworn, according to law say that the foregoing statement of the debt of said School District, and the purposes for which the proposed increase of indebtedness is intended, is true and correct as they believe.

F. D. Bumbaugh,
President of School Board.
N. B. Grove,
Secretary of School Board.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March, 1906.

H. C. Gatter,
Justice of the Peace.

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Mt. Olive Baptist church 9th st. and McMahan avenue Rev. B. J. Wiley Pastor—Morning services 10:45, Sunday school 9:30, evening services 7:30. All are welcome.

First United Presbyterian church, Rev J. M. Jamieson, pastor—Services at Louttit's hall, Donner avenue and Eighth street, Sabbath School 10 a. m. preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Bethany Baptist church, Rev. Henry Madtes, pastor.—Services in opera house hall, Schoonmaker avenue near Fifth street. Bible school meets at 10 a. m Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Baptist Young Peoples Union at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday service U. B. church Reed avenue, between Fourth and Sixth street, J. R. Mower pastor Sunday school 9:30, preaching 11a.m Juniors, 3 p. m.; evening service 6:30 o'clock; preaching at 7:30.

Methodist Episcopal, Schoonmaker avenue and Fourth street, Rev. J. V. Wright, pastor—Sunday school 9:45 a m; preaching at 11 a. m, Junior League at 2:30 p. m.; Epworth League 6:30 p. m. and evening sermon at 7:30. Special music. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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First Presbyterian church, Sixth street, R. S. Calder, pastor morning service at 11 a. m.; evening service at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:15 Junior at 2:30p.m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30; midweek service, Wednesday evening at 7:30. Bible study club Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Wyman Chapel, A. M. E. Church Reed avenue, Rev. S. A. Lewis, pastor Preaching at 10:45 a. m., class meeting a 11:45 a. m. Sunday School at 2:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Literary Monday evenings at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Young People's Class Meeting Friday evenings at 7:30. All are invited to attend these services.

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Don Sancho Morenas was a rich Mexican whose hacienda was located but a dozen miles from the capital. His family consisted of a son, Pedro, the issue of his first wife, and Concha, the daughter of his second wife by her first husband. After Concha's mother died the girl lived on with her stepfather. Indeed, she was his only comfort, for his son was a wild fellow and was little at home. No one knew where he spent his time, and there were many surmises that developed into statements, all more or less detrimental to him. His father after one day receiving a letter from him, the contents of which he did not make known, gave out that Concha should be his sole heir. He made a will in her favor and, calling her into his office in a wing of the house where he transacted the business of the hacienda, gave it to her to read.

"But what is Pedro to do?" she asked, looking up with a pair of dark Spanish eyes full of sympathy for her stepbrother.

"What do I care for him?" exclaimed the old man, showing plainly by his tone that he cared a great deal. "Does he ever come here to stay with his father? Besides, he will get killed in some desperate fight before I die peaceably in my bed. No, Concha, it is to you, who are taking care of me in my declining days, that my estate shall go—to you who deserve it."

"Pedro is brave," interposed the girl, "and we know nothing against him."

"Oh, yes; most wild boys are brave, but what recompense is that to me?

The girl turned away at these last words and soon left the office, but not before seeing her stepfather put the will in a pigeonhole of his desk.

Soon after this Concha was drawn in two different directions. Her stepfather fell ill, and her mother's sister, whom Concha loved as a mother, met with an accident and lay at the point of death. The old man unselfishly bade her go where she was most needed, and she departed, promising to return as soon as the necessity for her absence was ended. She had not been gone long when Pedro came home. It was his twenty first birthday, and he told his father that he had become sensible of his neglect and had chosen the day to begin a new life. His father at first doubted his sincerity; but, whatever had been his son's faults, lying had not been one of them. The old man took the boy to his heart and said to him:

"My son, by your former action you have forced me to disinherit you. I have made a will leaving everything to Concha. I shall now make another leaving all to you, who can alone transmit your father's name."

"But what will Concha do?"

"Concha has been a good girl. She has devoted herself to me while you have neglected me. I shall expect you to see that she is provided with what she needs."

"But, father you are surely not going to trust her very living to one who bears such a character as I!"

The words were interrupted by the old man's fainting, and when he revived he knew that his end was near. Summoning his attorney, he made a new will, directing the lawyer to place it in his desk where it could be brought to him in case he should wish it. But he never again saw the instrument, for he was taken off by heart failure that very night. Concha was summoned, and in a few days the old man was laid to rest.

It was the night of the funeral. The next day the disposition of the property would be looked into. When all was still Pedro emerged from his room and went stealthily to his father's office. A full moon gave almost the light of day. Just as he was about to enter from a passageway he paused. Some one was in the office. Looking through a partly open door he saw Concha take a paper from the desk and glide silently away. At first he thought that she had taken the will his father had made in his favor, but he knew that it was in another part of the desk, and the shock he suffered from such an act on her part was relieved. Doubtless she had possessed herself of some paper of her own. He waited awhile, then, hearing no sound, entered, went to the desk, took out a paper and lighting a match held a corner over the flame.

"Pedro, what are you doing?"

The words were spoken in Concha's soft voice as she came into the room. The two stood face to face in the moonlight streaming through a window. Pedro was silent.

"If you are going to burn your father's will bequeathing your estate to me you may save yourself the trouble. It is here," and she tore a paper she held to fragments.

Pedro stood mute. "Concha," he said at last, "my father made a will while you were away leaving the estate to me. I came here to burn it."

Scratching a match, Pedro lighted a candle, and together both read the will leaving the estate to Pedro with an injunction to him to provide for Concha. Then they examined the paper Concha had torn, and it was the will made long before in her favor. The look each gave the other cannot be described by words. An artist could scarcely portray it.

"Why were you going to do it, Pedro?"

"Because I love and have always loved you far better than myself. And why did you destroy the other?"

She turned away to hide her face. He took her in his arms.

"I knew you were not what you were painted," she said presently.

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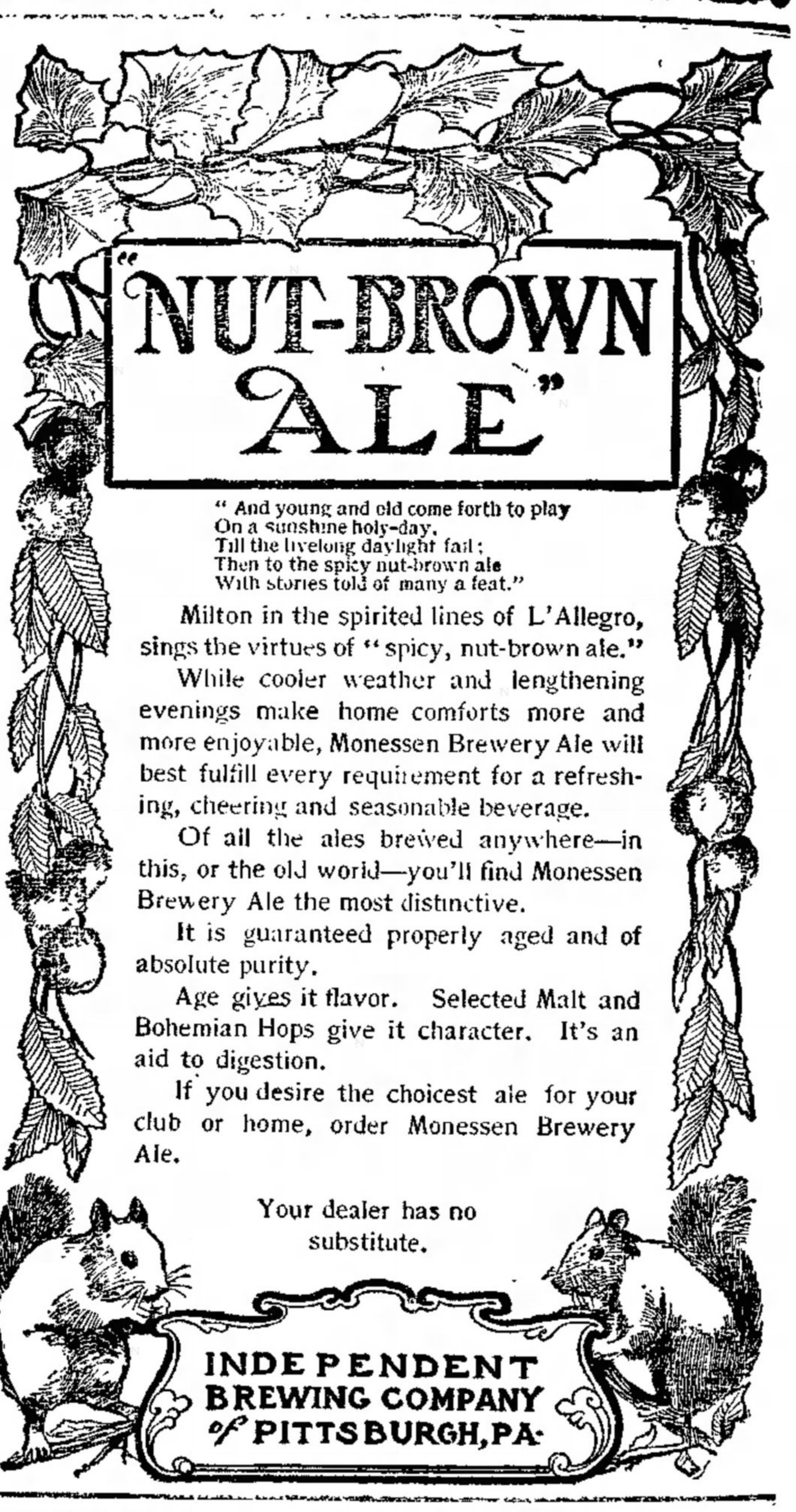

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